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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. COLOMBO SUMMIT

A. PAKISTAN MAKES ITS ABSENCE FELT

EMBASSY ISLAMABAD REPORTS BHUTTO IS CLEARLY MIFFED AT NOT
BEING INVITED TO THE COLOMBO NAC AND CONCERNED THAT INDIA
WILL INSTIGATE ACTIONS THERE WHICH MAY BE INIMICAL TO
PAKISTANI INTERESTS. WHILE FEIGNING OFFICIAL INDIFFER-
ENCE, THE GOP HAS:

--DISPATCHED TWO SENIOR OFFICIALS TO COLOMBO, PRESUM-
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ABLY TO CANVASS NAC DELEGATIONS;

--CULTIVATED DELEGATIONS TRANSITING PAKISTAN FOR
COLOMBO; AND

--SENT A LETTER TO SRI LANKA EXPRESSING PAKISTANI
SUPPORT FOR MRS. BANDARANAIKE'S "MODERATE WAYS."

EVEN WITHOUT FORMAL STATUS AT THE NAC, THE GOP WILL ATTEMPT
TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS AND ITS ROLE IN THE THIRD WORLD.

B. AFGHANISTAN: DAOUD ENROUTE TO ISLAMABAD VIA
COLOMBO

PRESIDENT DAOUD'S DEPARTURE CEREMONY FOR COLOMBO WAS MARRED
SLIGHTLY BY THE ABRUPT DEPARTURE OF PAKISTAN'S AMBASSADOR,
WHO LEFT THE AIRPORT WITHOUT BIDDING DAOUD FAREWELL. THE
WALKOUT WAS PROMPTED BY THE APPEARANCE OF AJMAL KHATTAK,
THE EXILED FORMER SYG OF PAKISTAN'S NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY.

EMBASSY KABUL COMMENT: AS PRESIDENT DAOUD WILL VISIT ISLAM-
ABAD FOR FURTHER TALKS WITH BHUTTO AFTER COLOMBO, THE INCI-
DENT IS REGRETTABLE. HOWEVER, KHATTAK'S PRESENCE AT THE
AIRPORT MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO DISARM AFGHANI CRITICS OF
RAPPROCHEMENT WITH PAKISTAN RATHER THAN TO OBSTRUCT THIS
PROCESS. (CONFIDENTIAL) ISLAMABAD 8570 AND KABUL 6119,
8/17.)

2. BISHOPS' RETURN LEADS TO VIOLENCE

APPROXIMATELY 250 DEMONSTRATORS CLASHED IN SANTIAGO ON
AUGUST 15 WHEN THREE CHILEAN BISHOPS EXPELLED FROM ECUADOR
RETURNED TO CHILE. THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
ACCUSED ELEMENTS OF THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLI-
GENCE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE ATTACK ON THE BISHOPS AND
THEIR SUPPORTERS.

EMBASSY SANTIAGO COMMENT: THE DEMONSTRATION REFLECTS IN-
CREASED POLITICAL TENSION, AS IT IS THE FIRST INSTANCE OF
PHYSICAL VIOLENCE BETWEEN POLARIZED POLITICAL ELEMENTS
SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF THE JUNTA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)
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SANTIAGO 8026 AND 8028, 8/17.)

3. BRAZIL: ONE STEP AT A TIME

GENERAL GOSTAVO MORAES REGO, A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF PRESI-
DENT GEISEL, TOLD OUR CONSULATE GENERAL IN SAO PAULO THAT
GEISEL IS COMMITTED TO STEADY LIBERALIZATION OF THE REGIME
PROVIDED THE PRINCIPLES OF THE REVOLUTION ARE RESPECTED.

ACCORDING TO REGO, AN OPPOSITION MDB VICTORY IN NOVEMBER'S MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IF THE WINNING MARGIN DOES NOT EMBARRASS THE GOVERNMENT AND PROVOKE MILITARY PRESSURE ON THE PRESIDENT TO FURTHER RESTRICT THE OPPOSITION.

POST COMMENT: THE VARIOUS WAYS OF MEASURING BRAZILIAN ELECTION RESULTS WILL PROBABLY ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT TO CLAIM VICTORY IN ANY EVENT. IF A MILITARY REACTION TO THE

ELECTION IS AVOIDED, THE PRESIDENT WILL BE ABLE TO PRESENT HIS ACCEPTANCE OF AN IMPROVED MDB SHOWING AS ANOTHER STEP IN THE LIBERALIZATION PROCESS. (CONFIDENTIAL) SAO PAULO 1925, 8/17.)

4. JAPAN: TANAKA INDICTMENT BOOSTS MIKI STOCK

EMBASSY TOKYO BELIEVES THE PUBLICITY SURROUNDING TANAKA'S INDICTMENT WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR MIKI'S CHALLENGERS TO PRESENT A PLAUSIBLE REASON FOR DEPOSING HIM. WHILE TANAKA'S RELEASE ON BAIL MAY BOLSTER MORALE IN HIS DISPIRITED FACTION, THERE IS NO ACTIVE ROLE FOR HIM IN THE OUST-MIKI MOVEMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 12413, 8/17.)

5. ETHIOPIA: CHANGES IN THE WORKS?

EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA REPORTS RUMORS THAT MAJOR CABINET CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION. THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT WHILE SUCH STORIES ARE NOT NEW, VACANCIES DO EXIST--E.G. DEFENSE, FINANCE, INFORMATION AMONG OTHERS--AND THE TIMING IS RIGHT. (CONFIDENTIAL) ADDIS ABABA 9579, 8/17.) KISSINGER

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